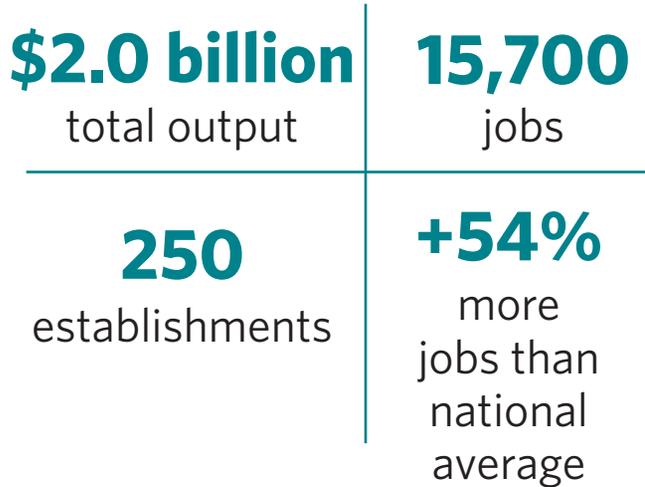


# Paper and Packaging

This cluster contains the paper mills and manufacturers of paper products used for shipping, packaging, containers, office supplies, personal products, and similar products. The technical report, *Metropolitan Chicago's traded industry clusters*, offers extensive data on the characteristics and performance of the Chicago region's core industrial assets since 2001, available for download at <https://cmap.is/Traded-Clusters>.

In the Chicago region in 2017, this cluster consisted of



Source: CMAP analysis of Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).

Workers in this cluster tend to be **more** racially diverse than the regional labor force.

- 64%** non-white
- 31%** female
- 37%** over age 50

**5%** commute by transit

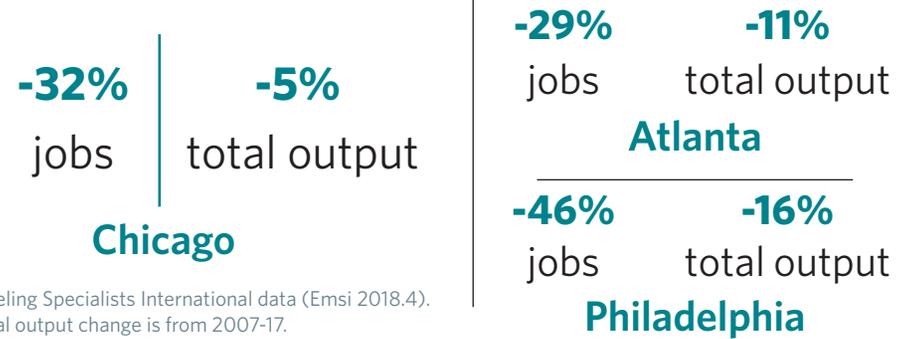


Source: CMAP analysis of Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, 2017 American Community Survey data.

## Largest occupations

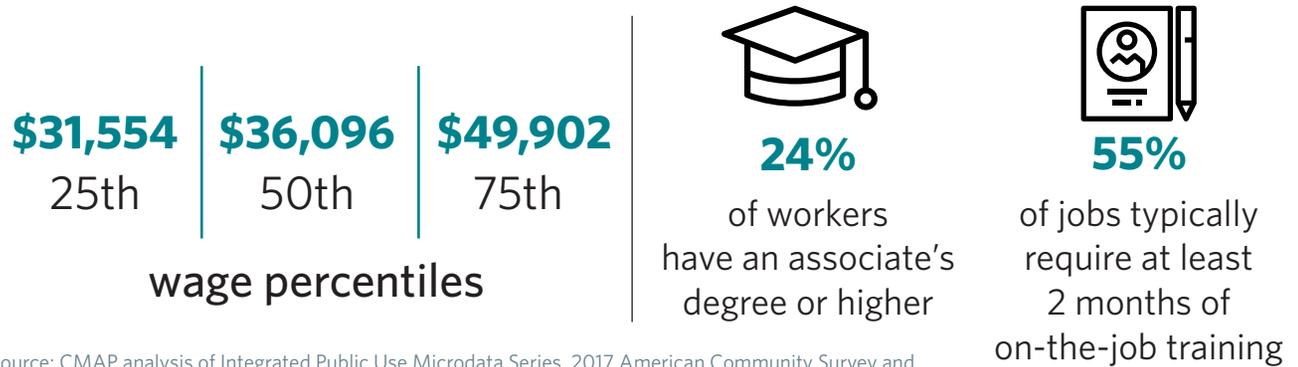
- Machine Setters
- Printing Press Operators
- Stock and Material Movers
- Hand Packagers
- First-Line Supervisors

In recent years, the cluster's competitive position **held steady** even though as it became **more specialized** in the national context.



Source: CMAP analysis of Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).  
Note: Job change is from 2001-17, and total output change is from 2007-17.

Middle-skill workers have **greater** opportunity than the regional average.



Source: CMAP analysis of Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, 2017 American Community Survey and Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).

In 2016, this cluster generated approximately

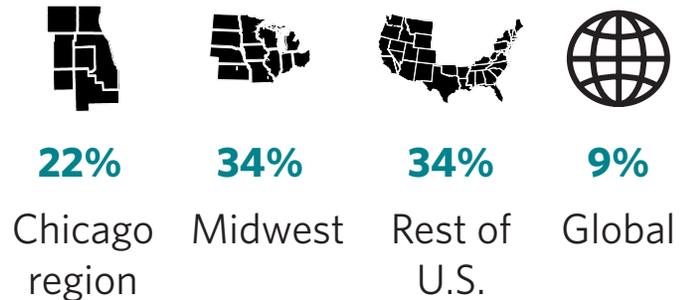
# \$28.2 billion

in freight shipments that originate, terminate, or circulate regionally.

## Freight mode share, by value



## Freight trade geography, by value



Source: CMAP analysis of Freight Analysis Framework data (FAF 4.4.1).  
Note: Data includes only the Illinois portion of the U.S. Census Bureau combined statistical area. Freight data is not provided for service clusters.